

House Resolution 1826

By: Representatives Shaw of the 176th and Smith of the 129th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Patten Seed Company and congratulating it on winning the Cox Century Award;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, for many decades, Patten Seed Company, based in Lakeland, Georgia, has been
4 offering its customers high quality products, along with reasonable prices and superlative
5 service; and

6 WHEREAS, the business's history began in 1893, when brothers R.L. and W.F. Patten
7 opened a general merchandise store in Lakeland, and moved into the agricultural market
8 when R.L.'s son, Lawson Patten, opened a seed cleaning business in his father's cotton
9 warehouse in 1947; and

10 WHEREAS, Lawson Patten's son-in-law, Bill Roquemore, was instrumental in Patten Seed's
11 development, helping the company grow into a thriving business with 350 employees at 25
12 facilities in four states; and

13 WHEREAS, today, Patten Seed is at the forefront of the turfgrass, sod, and seed industry and
14 handles planting and contract maintenance at golf courses, in addition to operating a pecan
15 business and raising container-grown nursery trees; and

16 WHEREAS, Patten Seed has earned the respect and admiration of customers and competitors
17 alike for its commitment to community and family, and the company recently was named as
18 the winner of the Cox Century Award, to be received at the 2006 Georgia Family Business
19 of the Year Awards ceremony in May; and

20 WHEREAS, the Cox Century Award is bestowed by the Cox Family Enterprise Center as a
21 way of honoring successful Georgia based businesses that have been in operation for at least
22 100 years; and

1 WHEREAS, Patten Seed's many years of outstanding service certainly make it the perfect
2 choice for this prestigious award, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that this venerable
3 Georgia business be appropriately recognized by this body as a worthy model for all
4 companies that aspire to excellence.

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
6 the members of this body join in commending Patten Seed Company on its extraordinary
7 achievements and congratulate it on receiving the Cox Century Award.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
9 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Ben Copeland,
10 president of Patten Seed Company.